GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:455
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2001
RESERVATION OF JOBS FOR HANDICAPPED
ABDUL RASHID SHAHEEN;PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Supreme Court has expressed serious concern over Government`s apathytowards implementing job reservations for disabled;

(b) if so, the reaction of the government thereto;

(c) the number of posts reserved for disabled persons, lying vacant as on date in each category alongwith reasons therefor;

(d) the number of jobs given to disabled persons during each of the last three years;

(e) the number of handicapped persons likely to be provided with employment during 2001-2002;

(f) whether the Government propose to provide pension to disabled persons;
(g) whether the Government/the concerned departments have received complaints that handicapped persons have to pay bribe for getting employments or loans from banks or registering themselves in Employment Exchanges; and
(h) if so, the number of complaints received during the said period and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a) to (h) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to part (a) to (h) of the Lok SabhaStarred Question No.455 foranswer on 18.4.2001 put up by S/ Shri Prabhunath Singh and Abdul Rashid Shaheen regarding `Reservation of Jobs for Handicapped`.

(a) & (b): The Hon`ble Supreme Court in a case relating basically to employment of persons withdisabilities as provided under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995, has inter-alia directed the UOI to indicate steps that have been taken in this regard by the Government. In compliance of the directions, the Government have reviewed the matter in regard to the status of implementation of the provision of job reservation for the persons with disabilities. Upon reviewing in details the current status of compliance, it was observed that while considerable work had been done in implementing various provisions of the Act, it was necessary to take more vigorous steps to ensure full compliance with the spirit of the legislation and government policy for the welfare of persons with disabilities. As per information made available, the status of reservation in jobs for persons with disabilities against identified posts is above the statutory requirement of 3%.

(c) to (e) : As per information received from Department of Personnel and Training, total number ofpersons in position in respect of Ministries/ Departments is reported as follows:

1.1.1997	:	4341+
1.1.1998	:	7036+
1.1.1999	:	7263++

+ Information as received by DOPT from 64 Ministries/ Departments
++ Information as received by DOPT from 49 Ministries/ Departments.

As per updated information available, the total number of persons with disabilities employed by the Ministries/ Departments is 10,063. The figure relates to a total of 66 Ministries/ Departments.Whereas in respect of 28 Ministries/ Departments, the information pertains to position as on 1.1.2000, for the remaining, the same pertains to position as on 1.1.1999.

As per the information received from Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) in 1997, as many as6313 persons are in position in 222 Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)As per information received in November, 2000 from DPE, the number of persons in position in 191 Central PSUs have gone up to 8840.

The number of persons with disabilities likely to be provided with employment during 2001-02 depends on the backlog vacancies reported to the recruitment agencies. Recruitment against vacancies reserved for persons with disabilities is a continuous process and, therefore, there is generally a gap between occurrence of vacancy and filling it up. There exists a time lag in collection of information by DOPT as individual Ministry/ Department has to collect the same from their Subordinate/ attachedoffices, including field offices and Public Sector Undertakings, if any, etc.

(f) Scheme for providing disability pension is implemented by 17 States/ Union Territories.

(g) : No such matter has been brought to the notice of this Ministry.

(h) : Does not arise.